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SUBJECT: GOH PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE

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1. GOH DIRECTOR OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION (CONATEL) STATED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1979 WARC CONFERENCE HAVE NOT YET BEGUN BUT THAT GOH POSITIONS ARE BEING FORMULATED. HE NOTED THAT THE GOH INTENDS TO GO ALONG WITH U.S. POSITIONS ON ISSUES THAT ARISE. THE GOH USUALLY SUPPORTS U.S. POSITIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IF ASKED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE BEST TACTIC TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE HAITIAN DELEGATION TO BE THE PRESENTATION OF A SHORT PAPER IN FRENCH LISTING EXPECTED ISSUES AND THE U.S. POSITION AT THE START OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE GOH HAS NO OPINIONS AS TO LIEKLY MAJOR CONFERENCE ISSUES.

3. COMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE REMAINS A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THE GOH. IT RECENTLY BUILT AN EARTH STATION FOR SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND IS TRYING TO FIND SOME WAY TO USE
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IT. A RECENT AID DEMONSTRATION OF THE USES OF SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY INCREASED GOH INTEREST. THE GOH MAY ALSO USE THE CONFERENCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF HAITI'S RUDIMENTARY TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

4. CONTEL DIRECTOR RIMPEL STATED THAT HAITI HAS HAD NO TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WITH CUBA OR THE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THUS EXPECTS NO CONFLICTS WITH THEM AT THE 1979 WARC CONFERENCE.

5. NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANS HAVE BEEN OUTLINED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS DECADE AND THE 1980S. HOWEVER, PLANS ARE AMBITIOUS AND FINANCING IS LIMITED. NATIONAL BROADCAST TELEVISION IS ENVISIONED. THE GOH WOULD LIKE TO USE A VARIETY OF MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNIQUES INCLUDING BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE AND BY MOBILE RADIO TO EDUCATE THE RURAL PUBLIC.

6. THE GOH WOULD ALSO LIKE TO LINK ITS NEW NATIONAL RADIO STATION WITH JAMAICA'S BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION. HOWEVER, THE HAITIAN ANTENNA SITE IS INACCESSIBLE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THE SCHEME.

7. CONATEL DIRECTOR RIMPEL HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOH PARTICIPATION IN THE WARC CONFERENCE. RIMPEL PLANS TO ATTEND A 1978 CONFERENCE ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BY SATELLITE IN GENEVA AND A 1978 REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE CARIBBEAN, U.S., AND CANADA IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1979 CONFERENCE.

8. SEVERAL DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY CONATEL RELATING TO GOH TELECOMMUNICATIONS POSITIONS WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO EB/TD.

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